



# Mississippi Labor Market

## Tracking Mississippi's Workforce

### January 2005

## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

	Dec 04	Nov 04	Dec 03		Dec 04	Nov 04	Dec 03
	Preliminary	Revised	Revised		Preliminary	Revised	Revised
<b>Total Nonfarm Employed</b>	<b>1,133.4</b>	<b>1,135.5</b>	<b>1,125.9</b>	<b>Utilities</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>7.7</b>
<b>Natural Resources &amp; Mining</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>8.9</b>	Electric Power	5.4	5.4	5.3
<b>Construction</b>	<b>50.8</b>	<b>51.7</b>	<b>50.7</b>	<b>Transportation &amp; Warehousing</b>	<b>35.7</b>	<b>35.5</b>	<b>36.4</b>
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>180.1</b>	<b>179.9</b>	<b>178.3</b>	Warehousing & Storage	7.7	7.7	7.6
<b>Durable Goods</b>	<b>116.6</b>	<b>116.3</b>	<b>113.2</b>	<b>Information</b>	<b>14.4</b>	<b>14.5</b>	<b>14.8</b>
Wood Products	13.0	13.0	12.6	Telecommunications	7.7	7.9	8.0
Sawmill- Wood Preservation	5.7	5.8	5.7	<b>Finance &amp; Insurance</b>	<b>34.7</b>	<b>34.6</b>	<b>34.3</b>
Primary Metals	2.7	2.7	2.5	Credit Intermediation	21.9	21.6	21.0
Fabricated Metals	10.4	10.6	11.4	Depository Credit Intermediation	15.5	15.4	15.2
Machinery	11.6	11.7	11.5	Insurance Carriers	10.7	11.0	11.6
Ventilation - Heating - Air Condition	4.4	4.4	4.0	<b>Real Estate &amp; Rental</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>10.9</b>	<b>12.3</b>
Computers - Electronics	3.1	3.1	2.9	<b>Prof., Scient., Technical Services</b>	<b>31.0</b>	<b>30.9</b>	<b>29.0</b>
Electrical Equipment & Appliances	9.1	9.1	8.7	<b>Management of Companies</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>10.6</b>
Electrical Equipment	3.7	3.7	3.9	<b>Admin Spt &amp; Waste Management</b>	<b>43.6</b>	<b>43.5</b>	<b>41.5</b>
Transportation Equipment	28.7	28.5	26.6	<b>Education Services</b>	<b>15.0</b>	<b>15.0</b>	<b>14.3</b>
Motor Vehicle Parts	6.4	6.4	6.4	<b>Health Care &amp; Social Assistance</b>	<b>105.5</b>	<b>105.5</b>	<b>101.7</b>
Ship & Boat Building	15.4	15.3	14.9	Hospitals	30.4	30.4	30.5
Furniture	28.0	27.9	27.6	Nursing & Resident Care	21.2	21.2	20.5
<b>Nondurable Goods</b>	<b>63.5</b>	<b>63.6</b>	<b>65.1</b>	<b>Arts, Entertainment, Recreation</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>13.1</b>
Food Products	28.2	28.1	28.3	Amusements, Gambling, Recreation	10.3	10.6	12.1
Animal Slaughtering	19.2	19.0	20.0	Gambling	5.4	5.5	6.2
Apparel	5.2	5.2	5.5	<b>Accommodation &amp; Food Services</b>	<b>112.0</b>	<b>112.9</b>	<b>109.3</b>
Paper Products	5.4	5.5	5.8	Accommodation	37.4	37.7	36.0
Pulp, Paper, Paperboard	2.2	2.2	2.2	Food Services & Drinking	74.6	75.2	73.3
Converted Paper Products	3.2	3.3	3.6	<b>Other Services (Private)</b>	<b>36.5</b>	<b>37.2</b>	<b>36.4</b>
Chemicals	5.5	5.6	6.3	Repair & Maintenance	10.0	10.2	9.7
Plastics & Rubber	9.3	9.4	9.4	<b>Government</b>	<b>246.5</b>	<b>247.7</b>	<b>247.0</b>
<b>Wholesale Trade</b>	<b>37.7</b>	<b>37.7</b>	<b>35.9</b>	Federal	26.0	26.0	26.1
<b>Retail Trade</b>	<b>141.6</b>	<b>140.3</b>	<b>143.7</b>	State	61.4	62.5	62.4
Food & Beverage Stores	19.5	19.6	19.6	State Education	22.2	23.1	22.7
Grocery Stores	18.0	18.0	18.0	Local	159.1	159.2	158.5
General Merchandise	39.6	39.0	39.7	Local Education	86.8	86.9	86.9
Department Stores	12.1	11.7	11.4				
Other General Merchandise	27.5	27.3	28.3				

NOTE: All data expressed in thousands

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## Hours and Earnings for Selected Industries

	Avg Weekly Earnings			Avg. Weekly Hours			Avg. Hourly Earnings		
	Dec 04	Nov 04	Dec 03	Dec 04	Nov 04	Dec 03	Dec 04	Nov 04	Dec 03
Manufacturing	\$541.89	\$525.60	\$540.79	40.5	39.4	41.0	\$13.38	\$13.34	\$13.19
Durable Goods	585.90	563.70	588.63	42.0	40.7	42.5	13.95	13.85	13.85
Wood Products	449.65	457.74	461.31	42.3	42.9	42.4	10.63	10.67	10.88
Fabricated Metals	593.63	526.93	620.75	44.6	39.5	43.5	13.31	13.34	14.27
Machinery	649.85	614.47	570.56	45.7	43.0	40.9	14.22	14.29	13.95
Furniture	522.37	460.56	530.72	42.4	38.8	42.8	12.32	11.87	12.40
Nondurable Goods	463.90	457.81	465.95	37.9	37.1	38.7	12.24	12.34	12.04
Food Products	383.42	384.31	370.26	38.0	37.9	37.4	10.09	10.14	9.90

### Comments - Unadjusted Data

- ◆ Based on employer reports, total nonagricultural wage and salary employment decreased 2,100 from November but was still 7,500 above one year ago.
- ◆ Manufacturing showed an increase of 200 jobs over the month and 1,800 since December 2003.
- ◆ Once again, retail trade had the largest monthly employment increase with 1,300 more jobs than November.
- ◆ The civilian labor force grew with 700 more people than November. Unemployed individuals decreased 700 while employed individuals increased 1,400 over the month.
- ◆ The December unemployment rate did not change from last month.

### U.S. Consumer Price Index - Base Year = 1982-84 = 100

Wage Earners & Clerical	Dec 04	Nov 04	Dec 03	Wage Earners & Clerical	Dec 04	Nov 04	Dec 03
All Items	186.0	186.8	179.9	Medical Care	314.4	313.6	301.4
Food & Beverages	188.4	188.1	183.6	Recreation / 1	106.1	106.3	105.5
Housing	186.4	186.4	181.0	Education & Communications / 1	110.5	110.6	109.7
Apparel	118.6	122.6	118.7	Other Goods & Services	315.9	314.9	308.1
Transportation	163.4	165.8	152.5	<b>All Urban Consumers</b>			
/ 1 Indexes on a December 1997 = 100 base				All Items	190.3	191.0	184.3

### Mississippi Labor Force

(Data based on Place of Residence - Expressed in Thousands)

	Dec 04	Nov 04	Dec 03		Dec 04	Nov 04	Dec 03
	Prelim.	Revised	Revised		Prelim.	Revised	Revised
	(Not Seasonally Adjusted)				(Seasonally Adjusted)		
Labor Force	1,331.4	1,330.7	1,316.7	Labor Force	1,327.6	1,329.0	1,312.8
Unemployed	78.4	79.1	67.1	Unemployed	85.1	86.7	74.0
Rate	5.9%	5.9%	5.1%	Rate	6.4%	6.5%	5.6%
Employed	1,253.0	1,251.6	1,249.6	Employed	1,242.5	1,242.3	1,238.8

<b>U.S. Rate</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>U.S. Rate</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>5.7</b>
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